

classic modern

and contemporary art

art karlsruhe

Feb 05 – 08, 2026

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Opening hours

Feb, 05 – 07

11 am – 7 pm

Feb, 08

11 am – 6 pm

Tickets

Book your tickets now at a discounted online price! You can find all information on ticket categories and discounts at

art-karlsruhe.de/tickets



Guided tours

What are the highlights of art karlsruhe? What are the insider tips? Where can I find the newcomers? And where are the classics? Our experts on art and the art market will lead you through the fair in individually guided tours that are accessible, personal and well-founded. All information is available at

art-karlsruhe.de/tours



after art

After the art is before the party! Whether it's the opening fete in the foyer of the ZKM | Centre for Art and Media in the Hallenbau or the after art party, the Kunstrauschen (art rush) or the gallery:night, art karlsruhe celebrates art – not only at the fair, but also in the city. For all events, locations and dates, visit:

art-karlsruhe.de/events

ARTIMA art meeting

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Award ceremonies

academy:square Prize

preview

Wed, Feb 04

LBBW-award for the most promising academy:square contribution

Hans Platschek Prize

Thu, Feb 05

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art karlsruhe Prize

Prize for the best one:artist show

Loth Sculpture Prize

Fri, Feb 06

donated by L-Bank for the best sculpture:square

classic modern to contemporary art

What makes art karlsruhe special? The forward-looking combination of different eras! Discover the characteristic, broad spectrum of artistic perspectives and exciting juxtapositions in the four halls of art karlsruhe. From top-notch Classic Modernism, through Concrete Art and Pop Art, to contemporary art: you'll encounter Classical Modernism in dialogue with current positions in Hall 1; artworks from the post-war period and the present day await you in Hall 2; and contemporary art is the focus in the dm-arena. Be inspired – and experience art directly.

sculpture:square



Sculptures have formed the installative centre of art karlsruhe ever since the beginning of the fair. Presentations that go beyond a traditional exhibition stand set impressive accents on spacious exhibition areas, where they pleasantly surprise visitors and shape the image of art karlsruhe. The Loth Sculpture Prize, which recognizes the most impressive sculpture:square, will be awarded together with L-Bank for the eighth time in 2026.



re:discover

Rediscover strong artistic positions: The unique re:discover format focuses on artists whose careers were interrupted and whose work merits greater visibility and recognition in the art market. Get to know twenty selected artists worth rediscovering. re:discover is funded by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media (BKM) and in collaboration with the Federal Association of German Galleries and Art Dealers (BVDG).

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paper:square

The paper:square is wholly dedicated to the artistic medium of paper. It's an ideal entry point for young collectors and a venue for fans of the material. Selected galleries present works created with, on or from paper in all their artistic facets.

academy:square

You'll find the next generation here. Graduates from Baden-Württemberg's three art academies showcase their latest artistic ideas and explore future topics at the academy:square – juried and of the highest quality. The most convincing presentation will win a prize and be purchased for the LBBW collection. The presentation is created together with Monopol and LBBW.

start:block

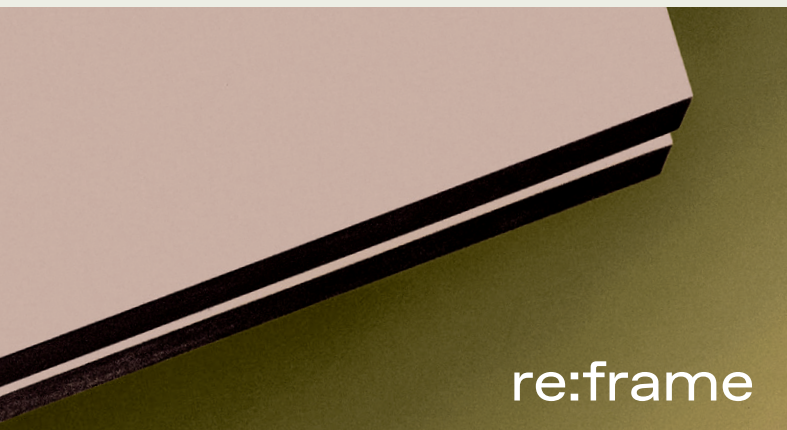
How do I get started collecting art? In the start:block, you'll find our galleries' suggestions of specific artworks that are accessible, diverse, cleverly selected and particularly well-suited for getting started with art collecting.

special exhibition

An exclusive home game: In this year's special exhibition, art karlsruhe presents works by the internationally renowned, Karlsruhe-born artist Rolf Behm. This homage to an artist whose work is closely connected to Karlsruhe and the cultural network of south-western Germany is curated by Stefanie Patruno, director of the Städtische Galerie Karlsruhe. Current works from the artist's studio are presented alongside loans from important collections, such as the Würth Collection. The special exhibition is being realized in collaboration with the Kunstforum Foundation of the Berliner Volksbank.

forum karlsruhe

Institutions, venues and projects that also shape the art city of Karlsruhe can be found at Forum Karlsruhe, where the focus in 2026 will be on immersive presentations such as Soft Utopia (the winning project of the UNESCO City of Media Arts Open Call), Ulla von Brandenburg's class at the Karlsruhe Art Academy, and the ZKM's MARS! project.



re:frame

Considering legacies for the future: Questions surrounding the desire for the preservation, visibility and appreciation of artistic heritage are not solely the concern of gallery owners. They extend far into society. re:frame offers practical, groundbreaking examples of how artistic legacies can be handled successfully, responsibly and with a focus on the future.

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